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THE MINT DIRECTOR'S PRONOUNCEMENTS: Stu's Views

Dear Members:

This has been my second year as President of NCNA, and the year is closing down for our annual Show and Convention this September. There are one or two things that have come to my attention that are of interest to all.

First, the 1983 Proof Sets have an error. There is NO mint mark on the dime. If you ordered three sets--that is where the error was first located. There were approximately 20,000 minted this way, so examine your sets.

Second, Ron and Dennis Gillio will hold an Auction again at our Show and Convention, and this Auction will have more United States coins than last year's. Also, the coins will be displayed at a better location within the Hotel on the Mezzanine Level.

The Mint has now started to send out the first of the three coins for the 1984 Olympics, and I might say they are very well done. The Treasury Department could take a lesson from these designers, or at least open their eyes.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all of you who have helped so much to make the NCNA Show and Convention the best that there is. I would like to thank all for their long hours that they have put in.

Special thanks go to Denis Hooker who is doing two jobs at one time, both Bourse Coordinator and Publicity Coordinator.

In addition, I would like to thank at this time Michael (or Stan) S. Turrini for his fine job as Editor of NCNA Heads and Tales, Elmer Benson for serving as NCNA Secretary, and Ed Sins for his years of service as NCNA Treasurer.

Thanks to all for their fine work and good luck.

Stu Denton

Stu Denton
President

THE MINTMASTER'S QUILL: An Editor's Prerogative

My Friends:

Within the past year, death has taken someone important and vital in a few Coin Clubs in northern California: the Pacific Coast Numismatic Society with beloved Maxine Bryce, the Napa Valley Coin Club with workhorse Herb McCann, Gateway Coin Club with enthusiastic Jere Lefever, the Diablo Numismatic Society with supporter Norman Garrop, and the Vallejo Numismatic Society with activist Romeo Lavezzo.

In each of these individuals (and the same applies to those I am unfamiliar with), these Clubs suffered a loss. A loss that with time may hopefully be made up; however, in reality is never really made equal.

What prompts me to write is that these deaths remind us so clearly that coin clubs or any any organization are composed of living people. Individuals who, regretfully at times, we may never fully know or worst appreciate until it is too late.

In each of these individuals (and the same for those I have no knowledge of), there existed a consistent dedicated record of service to their Clubs. A service not based on personal gain or pursuit, but a service to do what had to be done for the sole interest of the Club and its members.

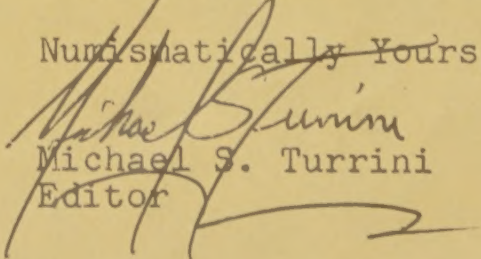
What prompts me to reflect in this Editorial is that often it is not until such tragedy strikes are we fully aware of the value (which is a poor word to use) and dedication of such individuals until, again, it is too late.

These individuals mentioned and countless others worked and sacrificed for a coin club or any organization, because they knew or had learned an organization to survive, to succeed, and to prosper requires members willing to give and to work. To them, the worth of the organization was not in material or quantitative measures; rather, it is its service and joy to its members and community.

These individuals, true, were not saints, but only mortal everyday common people living their lives far removed from fame and glory. However, it is true these individuals when nominated, appointed, or asked answered simply that he or she would do the job to his or her best capability. That is the lesson from their passing for us the living to heed.

These individuals and numerous others in his or her own way did a little something to serve and to better our hobby and in a much broader sense to make our world a little better for all. These individuals are gone. Cannot we at least do the same and leave, as they did, both our hobby and world a little better for all?

Numismatically Yours,


Michael S. Turrini
Editor

GOLD MINER DIGGINGS: NCNA News and Happenings

1983 NCNA Show and Convention

The dates of September 22, 23, 24, and 25, 1983, hours 10:00am to 8:00pm each day except Sunday which will be 10:00am to 4:00pm, will be the four day 22nd Annual NCNA Show and Convention. The site is the Cathedral Hill Hotel, formerly Jack Tar, corner of Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco. Admission is free.

Ron and Dennis Gillio through their firm, Pacific Coast Auction Galleries, will again present a large and varied Auction. The consignment deadline was last June 15th, and the auction catalog, as of this writing, is in preparation. Those seeking more information on this Auction are welcomed to contact:

Ron or Dennis Gillio
Pacific Coast Auction Galleries
1103 State
Santa Barbara, CA 93101
800-235-6937
803-963-1345

The highlight of this year's Auction will be over four hundred fifty lots of the Kenneth W. Lee Collection of California Fractional Gold which may be the largest such collection ever offered for public sale with over ninety per cent of the coins described in Mint State and many rightly be called the finest known.

So extensive and impressive is the Lee Collection that a special catalog has been prepared after in depth research and study. This catalog is complete: illustrations of virtually all types including those missing from the Lee Collection, new information refuting previously held facts on this numismatic subject, and a new reference numbering system. This catalog will be a must for anyone interested in California Fractional Gold. It is available for \$10.00 from the above address.

In addition to this Auction, there will be a large Bourse featuring coin dealers from across the nation. The quality of Bourse has always been the hallmark of a NCNA Show and Convention. It has been the policy of Bourse Coordinator Denis N. Hooker to maintain a balance of coin dealers at this annual Show and Convention between local and out-of-state dealers with a heavier consideration given to out-of-state dealers. Thus, it is advantageous for California collectors to visit and give time for the Bourse at the NCNA Show and Convention.

There will be a Raffle with a Ten Dollar Gold Eagle as First Prize, a Five Dollar Gold Half Eagle as Second Prize, and three Third Prizes of choice uncirculated silver dollars. There is no pre-sale of Raffle Tickets through NCNA Heads and Tales, but those desiring Tickets may purchase same at the Show and Convention or write directly to "Fred Lutjens, Raffle Tickets, 427 Capp, San Francisco, CA, 94110".

Otis Mills assisted by NCNA Secretary Elmer Benson will do the Exhibits for this year's Show and Convention. Potential exhibitors are asked to contact him at "PO Box 1884, Burlingame, CA, 94010". Please note that NCNA at its annual Show and Convention has repeatedly awarded some of the finest trophies.

NCNA Board of Directors Meeting

The Summer quarterly meeting for the NCNA Board of Directors will be this August 21st, Sunday, at 1:30pm at the Cathedral Hill Hotel, Geary and Van Ness, San Francisco.

All NCNA Club Members are invited and encouraged to send a voting delegate to participate and to contribute to NCNA's management.

NCNA Life Members

Both O. L. Wallis and Wendell Hooker, respectively Past Presidents #11 and #10, were recently honored and bestowed Life Memberships for their service as NCNA's Presidents. An appropriate silver medal was presented to each by current NCNA President Stuart Denton.

1983 NCNA Officer Elections

President Stuart Denton has appointed Carl Windon to be Nomination/Election Coordinator, and by now all NCNA members should have received the form of nomination to an elected office.

Officers to be elected for a one year term are: President, First Vice-President, Second Vice-President, Secretary, and Treasurer. The election by mail ballot shall be later this summer, and the results will be announced at the Show and Convention in September.

The qualifications for seeking elected office are to have been a NCNA member in continuous good standing for two or more years (President and Vice-Presidents require three years with one or more years of active service on the Board of Directors) and to file in writing one's candidacy or acceptance of nomination with the Nomination/Election Coordinator.

Qualified and interested NCNA members are encouraged to contact: "Carl Windon, Nomination/Election Coordinator, 9760 Burgos, Oakland, CA, 94605". All NCNA members are asked upon receiving their ballots to vote and to return promptly.

NCNA Show and Convention Educational Forum

President Stuart Denton has appointed Ozzie Stout to coordinate and to prepare a small Educational Forum at the NCNA Show and Convention.

Though details have yet to be confirmed, the two scheduled speakers will be Michael S. Turrini on 'Canadian Commemorative Dollars' which will be a slide presentation accompanied by a display of these dollars and O. L. Wallis on 'Joys of Medals and Tokens'.

The Forum will be on September 24th, Saturday, at 2:00pm; the exact room location is yet to be determined. There will be no charge, and anyone at the Show and Convention is invited to attend.

It is hope that if this Forum proves successful and is enlarged in future years and becomes a regular feature at the annual NCNA Show and Convention.

NCNA Membership

Membership in NCNA is open to anyone and enclosed with this Issue is an Application Card. Please share it with one of your fellow collectors and invite he or she to join NCNA.

NCNA Heads and Tales Dealines and Mailing

Since this journal is a one-man operation, your Editor hopes and requests patience upon its readers. Your Editor has many demands upon his time, and even during his Summer Vacation, your Editor finds himself busier than during the School Year.

As long as this journal remains in its present format and a one-man operation, it is doubtful that strict adherence to tight dealines and mailings could be accomplished. Flexibility is needed until situations change, and cooperation from NCNA Heads and Tales readers would be appreciated.

Each Issue of NCNA Heads and Tales will announce the deadline for the next quarterly Issue. NCNA Heads and Tales should be printed and mailed within two to three weeks of that deadline. If you do not receive your copy within three to four weeks of that deadline, please write directly to the Editor.

Your Editor invites comments and suggestions from NCNA Heads and Tales readers.

Speakers for Coin Clubs

In the Seventh Issue, your Editor announced the embryonic speaker service for coin clubs and like organizations. This is not, as was noted then, an official function of NCNA; rather, it is a personal helpful service of your Editor.

Your Editor is interested in obtaining names and topics of potential speakers, and with time, this may develop into an official function

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BRANCH MINT REPORTS: Club Happenings

Have been receiving bulletins, newsletters, or news releases from these Coin Clubs:

Redwood Empire Coin Club
Peninsula Coin Club
Cupertino Coin Club
Pacific Coast Numismatic Society
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Diablo Numismatic Society
Delta Coin Club
Liberty Numismatic Society
Gateway Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club
Fairfield Coin Club
Fremont Coin Club
San Francisco Coin Club
LERA Coin Club
Sacramento Valley Coin Club

Redwood Empire Coin Club Discuss and debated at its April 13th meeting what a 'cud' is as part of a Coin Quiz done by JACK FREE. JOHN GERARD stated a cud "was what he took a pinch off and put between his cheek and gum and chewed on". Non-numismatically, this definition is correct. June 14th RECC's speaker was BEN ALLIN on 'Mysterious and Unique Coinage of Old Siam', and the July 12th speaker was your Editor, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, on his favorite topic, 'The Newfoundland Dollar'. HELEN ROBERTS, longtime RECC Treasurer and supporter, has been Acting Editor of the Club's newsletter. The RECC's 16th Annual Coinarama will be on November 29, 1983, Sunday, hours 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Veteran's Memorial Building, 1094 Petaluma Blvd. South, Petaluma. Admission is Free. WILLIAM FEIST is Bourse Coordinator; he can be reached at "PO Box 2811, Santa Rosa, CA, 95405".

Peninsula Coin Club Will hold its annual Coin Show on November 13, 1983, Sunday, hours 10:00am to 5:00pm, at the Hyatt Palo Alto, 4290 El Camino Real, Palo Alto. Bourse Coordinator is FRED G. VAN DEN HAAK; he can be reached at "PO Box 11484, Palo Alto, CA, 94306". The new meeting location for the PCC is "Eureka Federal Savings, Second and Main streets, Los Altos"; date and time remain the third Monday of each month at 7:45pm. The 1983 PCC officers, elected at the April 18th meeting, are: BRIAN JERRICH, President; XAN CHAMBERLAIN, Vice-President; BURNS SEARFOSS, Secretary; RICH DOUGLAS, Treasurer, and TYSON GRIER, Junior Vice-President.

Cupertino Coin Club Has been very active these past few months: Coin Show, new officers, Fourteenth Club Birthday, Old SF Mint Tour, Other Hobby Night, and speakers. Your Editor just does not know where to begin, and soon, your Editor must travel and visit this very active Coin Club. The Coin Show exhibit winners were: GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Best of Show with 'United States Silver Coinage', YVONNE VORBERG, First Place Adult with 'Portuguese-Brasillian

Colonial Coinage', RENATE BRUCK, Second Place Adult with 'Canadian Collector Dollars', NAOKI KANAYA, Third Place Adult with 'Paper Currency Features', JENNIFER LO, First Place Junior with 'President on Our Coins', SUZANNE LO, Second Place Junior with 'Lincoln Memorial Cents', and MIKE COBERLY, Third Place Junior with 'Kennedy Half Dollars'. The CCC's 1983 officers are: BOB KEEGAN, President; DAN SHATTUC, Vice-President; BRIAN WINER, Junior Vice-President; RENATE BRUCK, Recording Secretary; DARROW CROWE, Corresponding Secretary, and RAY ERKSON, Treasurer. The CCC celebrated its 14th Birthday on April 1st, April Fool's Day, and members who did not attend were remonstrated by Editor AL LO as being "foolish for not coming to enjoy the birthday cake and refreshments". The Club sponsored Old SF Mint Tour last May 14th had twenty members going and making it despite car problems and a parking ticket! The Other Hobby Night on June 3rd had: DEAN SODERSTRUM, Old Postcards; JIM GLOVER, Puzzles; KEVIN STARR, Matchbox Cars; MARK BARRY, Stamps; MICHELLE STARR, Friendship Pins and Paper Weights; JAMES COBERLY, Tools; EDDY TURPIN and JAY TONEY, Scouting; MARIO GARCIA and RALPH KEARNS, Scouting Leaders; YVONNE VORBERG, Brazilian Soccer; FRANK NIELSEN, Old Letters; TIM ARCHER, Hummel Statues; DAVID THERREL, Postcards; DAN SHATTUC, Waterfowl Art, and BOB KEEGAN, Southwestern Indian Pottery. Recent CCC speakers have been: AUSTIN WARBURTON, May 6th, 'Indian Wampun Money' and KEN BARR, July 8th, 'Love Tokens'. Your Editor commends the CCC for being active and presenting variety in its activities.

Pacific Coast Numismatic Society Held its Annual Banquet last June 25th. Recent PCNS meeting speakers have been: DAVE LANGE, March 30th, 'Henry D. Cogswell and His Curious Time Capsule', STEPHEN HUSTON, May 25th, 'A Brief History of Medals', and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, July 27th, 'Commemorative Coinage Presidential Vetoes' which was taken from his award winning 1982 PCNS Paper Contest monograph. The April 27th meeting had thirteen mini-talks, and they were: FRANK STRAZZARINO, Coins of Italy; DAVE CIENIEWICZ, Pennsylvania Banknotes; DON THRALL, Three Medals; LORI REPPETEAU, Book on Mary Queen of Scots; LARRY REPPETEAU, Book of Scottish Coins; MICHAEL PERESTENKO, Medieval Georgian Coins; BRIAN KESTNER, Article from Newspaper; VICTOR TITOFF, Two Chinese Coins; BOBBIE GOODWIN, Italian Minors; GROVER CAGLE, Scotland Coins; PETER BAKOS, Hungarian Coins; OZZIE STOUT, Japanese Coins, and STEPHEN HUSTON, My Tokens. As PCNS Bulletin Editor LARRY REPPETEAU reported, "What a pleasant way to exchange information about our favorite subject, numismatics".

Vallejo Numismatic Society Writes that its 12th Annual Vallejo Coin Show will be on April 29, 1984, Sunday, hours 10:30am to 5:00pm, at Dan Foley Cultural Center, Foley Park, Tuolumne Street, Vallejo. April 6th was the VNS' annual Other Hobby Night; its participants were: O. L. WALLIS, Shark Teeth; AL RENN, Hand Guns; MAXINE HOPPERSTAD, Flea Market Items; RON KELICHNER, Advertizing Buttons; BOB BERG, Model Railroading; OZZIE STOUT, Rocks from Travels; MICHAEL S. TURRINI, Railroad Tie Date Nails, and WILLIAM HENRY, Painting. May 1st was the VNS' 11th Annual Vallejo Coin Show which

was its best and most profitable. Exhibit winners were: BOB KEEGAN, Best of Show with 'Buffalo Bill Cody', DAVID ARIETTA, Junior Award with 'Jefferson Type Nickels', GARY ACQUESTAPACE, First Place with 'United States Coinage', LADISLAV KLAUS, Second Place with 'Early Bohemian Coinage', and MICHAEL S. TURRINI, President's Trophy with 'Vallejo Sub Medals'. June 1st meeting was 'Library Night' which was coordinated by Club Librarian and newly honored Life Member MAXINE HOPPERSTAD; members who contribute their reasons for using the extensive Club Library were: DR. HOWARD C. LONSDALE, AL RENN, CHET RYAN, CARL LIEBERMANN, WILLIAM HENRY, RICHARD JOHNSON, MANUEL PUEBLA, and MICHAEL S. TURRINI. July 6th was Bingo which proved successful in bringing up the attendance on a Summer's eve. Sad news to be reported from the VNS is the recent death of Club activist ROMEO C. LAVEZZO.

Diablo Numismatic Society Had its Other Hobby Night at its March 17th meeting with GEORGE TYSON, Winemaking; STEVE TRUMPETER, War Insignias; NORMAN GLOSSMAN, Military Medals; KARL HEVER, Postcards; JIM DOYLE, Baseball Cards; GENE TAGNOLI, Wing Cigarettes Cards; GERALDINE POON, Stitching; MABEL POON, Sewing, SAM RUMPH, Black Power Shooting, and HOWARD GIBBS, Wooden Planters. Your Editor wants it noted that there must be an epidemic of Other Hobby Nights among northern Californian coin clubs. The DNS May 19th meeting was an ANA slide presentation, 'Coins of Ancient Greece' and the June 16th meeting had your Editor, MICHAEL S. TURRINI, speaking on his favorite topic (again), 'The Newfoundland Dollar'. SAM RUMPH continues his 'Numi-Stats' in the monthly Diablo Die Break issues: "German Silver contains no silver at all, but is an alloy consisting of zinc, copper, and nickel". Your Editor commends both MR. RUMPH and the DNS for its consistent and positive support toward numismatic education.

Delta Coin Club Had its May 13th 'Monte Carlo Night' which according to the DCC's Newsletter was so much fun your Editor would appreciate an invitation to attend next year's. July 8th was the DCC's Annual Picnic. The DCC is looking ahead to its Coin Show and hopes to exhibit BILL FIVAZ'S 'Hobo Nickels'.

Liberty Numismatic Society Had the local Milbrae Police Department talk on Home Protection at the April 5th meeting and MARIAN SINTON talk on Currency Errors at the June 7th meeting. July 5th meeting was the LNS' Other Hobby Night. Your Editor is right; there is a spreading sickness with Other Hobby Nights among our Coin Clubs.

Gateway Coin Club Reports its recent Coin Show exhibit winners were: JOHN HOFMANN, First Place with 'History As Reflected Through Coins', SEAN MOFFATT, Second Place with 'Odd and Unique World Coins', and RON LUND, Third Place with 'California Tokens'. June 2nd meeting was a 'Dog-Eat-Dog Contest' with MARY MURPHY having the "bestest of the worstest". Your Editor would like to know exactly what was MRS. MURPHY'S coin? July 7th was the GCC's 'My Favorite Collection Night' which is another form of that spreading epidemic OHN, Other Hobby Night; GCC's included Old Bottles, Stuffed Cobra, etc.

San Jose Coin Club Has also been infected by OHN. As its March 16th meeting, members contributing their non-numismatic interests were: TIM ARCHER, Magic; KEN BARR, Computer Technology; LARRY BENSON, Redbook Collection; JOHN FRENCH, Woodwork Creations; JIM GLOVER, Jigsaw Puzzles; ED SINS, Electric Trains, and YVONNE VORBERG, Brazilian Souvenirs. April is the SJCC election month, and elected were: KEN BARR, President; JOHN FRENCH, Vice-President; LINDA KEEGAN, Recording Secretary; MARSHALL MYERS, Corresponding Secretary; WALLY WALLAKER, Treasurer, and CHRIS HENRIQUES, Junior Vice-President. The May 18th speaker was YVONNE VORBERG on 'World Paper Money'. The June SJCC newsletter listed some provocative thoughts and guidelines on what to do with one's collection in event of death. Your Editor may, if permission is granted, reprint these points in a future NCNA Heads and Tales issue.

Fairfield Coin Club Had RAY COSTA speaking and accompanied by a large display of artifacts on 'The Great White Fleet' at its March 23rd meeting. The April 27th had FCC's members AL RENN on German Notgeld and MICHAEL S. TURRINI on Vallejo Sub Medals. The May 25th meeting was the FCC's Annual Pot-Luck which had renowned and distinguished EDGAR D. FULWIDER as guest speaker. The Pot-Luck had all current FCC members in attendance except two to enjoy the food, raffle, games, and most importantly MR. FULWIDER'S presentation. June 22nd meeting had GARY COLBY in Investing in Coins.

Fremont Coin Club Newsletter, The Double Eagle, reports the FCC remains very active: special exhibit meetings, speakers, generous raffles, tours, and a golf tournament. Recent FCC speakers have been KIFBY BROWN at the April 12th meeting on Coin Data and KEN BAUER both at the May 24th meeting on Tokens and at the June 28th meeting also. "Illustrious" FCC President GLENNA HAVERCROFT spoke at the July 12th meeting on Exhibiting, and renowned expert RON MILLER coordinated at the July 26th meeting a Coin Grading Quiz. At the FCC's June 26th Annual Picnic, in the softball game, age triumphed over youth as GLEN MAXWELL hit homeruns for the adult members to beat the junior members, 13-8.

San Francisco Coin Club Reports that its 20th Annual San Francisco Coin Fair exhibit winners were: VICTOR TITOFF, First Place with 'Fantasy Coins of China', ROSE HUNTINGTON, Second Place with 'Major Design Changes in Modern Proof Sets', GARY ACQUISTAPACE, Third Place with 'United States Silver Coinage', RAISA TITOFF, Best of Show with 'Znachki of USSR', and DAVID ARIETTA, Junior Award with 'Jefferson Type Nickel'. The SFCC reports that there will be no 1984 Coin Fair; due to economics and the CSNA Convention hosting by the SFCC in April 1984, the Coin Fair has been suspended. Recent SFCC meeting speakers have been: EDGAR D. FULWIDER, May 24th, 'Marine Corp Medals'; HANS HANSSON, June 28th, 'Numismatic History of the British Royal Family', and MIKE STANLEY, July 26th, 'The Voyage of USS Enterprise'.

LERA Coin Club Writes that its fourth Tuesday meetings have been suspended due to Summer. Normally, this Club meets both the second

and fourth Tuesdays at 7:00pm at the Lockheed Facility, Cafeteria
Building #149, in San Jose.

Sacramento Valley Coin Club Announces its 26th Annual Coin-O-Rama
will be three days, October 7, 8, and 9, hours 10:00am to 6:00pm,
at a new location which is the Beverly Garland Motor Lodge, Pointe
West Ballroom, Hwy 80 and Exposition Blvd., Sacramento. For inform-
ation, contact: "BARBARA MICHELETTI, c/o SVCC, PO Box 160122,
Sacramento, CA, 95816".

Your Editor appreciates northern California Coin Clubs which have con-
sistently mailed their bulletins and newsletters. It was especially
interesting to find out that so many Clubs in recent months were having
Other Hobby Nights which prompted your Editor's remarks that an epi-
demic--OHN sickness--was spreading among the Clubs. Clubs currently
recuperating from OHN sickness are:

Cupertino Coin Club
Vallejo Numismatic Society
Diablo Numismatic Society
Liberty Numismatic Society
Gateway Coin Club
San Jose Coin Club

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of NCNA and a full speaker bureau service.

Coin clubs seeking speakers are invited to contact your Editor with
their requests giving available dates, preference for topics, meeting
location, date, and time, et cetera, and your Editor will try to reply
with a name and phone number of a potential speaker. Therefore, the
coin club may itself contact, arrange, and confirm directly with the
speaker and his topic.

There is not an extensive listing of speakers, and more names and in-
teresting topics are needed.
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